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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I live in San Francisco and am fortunate enough to have Sonic.net as a provider. They provide vastly superior service, speeds, and price vs the major provider (Comcast). They also provided a fiber connection, which is much better than the cable model Comcast gave me. I rely on the speed and reliability of my internet service for my work, and my family uses it regularly outside of work as well.

Independent providers like Sonic are critical to a healthy marketplace and regulation should protect them.

Thank you.

Richard Ballard